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DOWNMAN FAMILY.

William *Dowman*, Gent., came to Virginia in the Second Supply in 1608. Then in 1624 there were living in Virginia John and Elizabeth Downman, aged 35 and 25. They resided in Elizabeth City which John Downman represented as a burgess in 1629.

An old manuscript published in Hayden states that the first emigrant—William Downman—went from Plymouth to Barbadoes and from Barbadoes to Virginia. In a letter of 11, William[4] Downman to 12 Raleigh[4] Downman, dated May 16, 1752, he states that the belief is expressed by his aunt Mrs. Pinkard (b. 1688) that his great-grandfather lived in Plymouth, England. (QUARTERLY III. 17.)

In 1652 I WILLIAM[1] DOWNMAN, who might answer to the "great-grandfather," was in Lancaster County with his wife Dorothy. He was dead in 1655. He was probably father of 2 WILLIAM[2] DOWNMAN, who married Million Travers, daughter of Capt. Rawleigh Travers, of Rappahannock County. (QUARTERLY, IV., 16.) There is a deed recorded in Middlesex County, dated Oct. 1, 1694, from William Downman, (as attorney for Rawleigh Travers, Samuel Travers, William Ball and Thomas Jones) and Million his wife, to make release to Hon. Christopher Wormeley of the County of Middlesex, Esq., in behalf of our children Rawleigh, William, Robert, Willmoth, Million and Elizabeth, legatees under the will dated November 12, 1693 of Elizabeth Wormeley late wife of the said Christopher Wormeley (Mrs. Wormeley was sister of Mrs. Downman and married I. John Carter; II. Christopher Wormeley.)

The will of William Downman was proved in Richmond County in 1712. The will of his wife was proved in 1728.* They had issue (North Farnham Parish Register) 3, *Rawleigh* born April 24, 1680; 4, Willmoth born Dec. 14, 1681; 5, Million born Novr' 21, 1683, married Col. George Glass-

[1] See QUARTERLY, XVIII., 186, where the will is given as that of *William* Downman, by mistake for *Million*.

cock; 6, *William* born Oct. 19, 1685; 7, Robert born Jan. 2, 1886, died without issue in 1716; 8, Elizabeth born Jan. 26, 1688, married Capt. Thomas Pinkard; 9, Travers born March 19, 1700, died April 25, 1730; 10, Priscilla married Capt. George Heale.

3 RAWLEIGH[3] DOWNMAN (William,[2] William[1]) married Margaret, daughter of Col. William Ball, who was son of Col. William Ball, the immigrant. She was first cousin of Mrs. Washington. His will was proved in Lancaster County in 1719, and his wife's in 1758. (Hayden, *Virginia Genealogies*, 73.) Issue: 11, *William;* 12, *Rawleigh;* Mrs. Downman married probably a second time a Downman, and had also (named in her will): 13, Charles; 14, Christopher; 15, Elisha.

11, WILLIAM[4] DOWNMAN (Raleigh,[3] William,[2] William[1]) married June 12, 1747, Ellen Chichester, daughter of his uncle, Col. William Ball and Hannah Heale his wife, and widow of Richard Chichester. He had charge of his brother's estate while he was in Europe, and died in 1765. Issue: 16, *Rawleigh*, who was born in 1748 and was living in 1787, when he was a party to a suit against Joseph Ball Downman and Rawleigh William Downman. (Chancery Papers in Clerk's Office, Williamsburg, Va.) See QUARTERLY, III., 173; XII. 181: Hayden, *Virginia Genealogies*, 92, for two letters in 1752 of William Downman.

12, RAWLEIGH[4] DOWNMAN (Rawleigh,[3] William,[2] William[1]) married Frances Ball, Oct. 23, 1750. He died March 18, 1781. His wife was daughter of Col. Joseph Ball, a lawyer, half brother of Mrs. Mary Washington, and who lived at Stratford by Bow near London. About 1750 Rawleigh Downman went over and courted his daughter. They had issue: 17, Margaret born 1751; 18, Sarah born 1754; 19, Joseph Ball born 1756; 20, Frances born 1758, married Col. James Ball of Bewdley; 21, Million born 1760; 22, Rawleigh Williams born 1762, married May 29, 1783, Priscilla Chinn (daughter of John and Sarah Yates Chinn). (See Hayden, *Virginia Genealogies*, 102, where this line is carried out.) Rawleigh Downman in

his will proved in Lancaster, April 19, 1781, leaves his wife his chariot and four horses, his son Joseph Ball Downman his gold watch and his son Rawleigh William Downman his second best diamond ring.

6, WILLIAM[3] DOWNMAN (William,[2] William[1]) married Anne ——— had issue (North Farnham Parish Register): 23, *Robert,* born May 21, 1720; 24, *James* born July 29, 1722; 25, William born February 14, 1725; 26, *Travers* born March 16, 1726; 27, Elizabeth born August 20, 1728, married Billington McCarty in 1756 (QUARTERLY V., 186.) 28, Jabez born Sept. 12, 1730. William Downman's will was proved August 3, 1744. QUARTERLY XVII., 186, Va. Mag. VII., 52.)

23, ROBERT DOWNMAN (Rawleigh,[3] William,[2] William[1]) married Elizabeth ——— and his will was dated 1769. He had issue: 29, William; 30, Mildred, born March 6, 1749, married Thomas Ball in 1766, (Marriage Bond—QUARTERLY V., 19), and had Eliza Porteus Ball and Anne Ball; 31, *Robert Porteus* born May 6, 1744; 32, Elizabeth born Feb. 21, 1752.

Mrs Elizabeth Downman was probably a daughter of Robert Porteus, Esq., of the Council, by his wife, Mildred Smith, of Purton, Gloucester, whom he married August 17, 1700. (QUARTERLY IV., 48.)

31, ROBERT PORTEUS[2] DOWNMAN (Robert[1]) married Elizabeth ——— and had issue: 32, Fany Porteus born January 10, 1772; 33, Elizabeth Porteus. Will proved Jan. 6, 1774.

24, JAMES[4] DOWNMAN, Rawleigh,[3] William,[2] William[1]) will proved in 1761, married Lucy, daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Sydnor, and had issue: 34, Betty born Jan. 10, 1750; 35, Lucy born Aug. 30, 1752; 36, Winny born Dec. 26, 1753; 37, Ann born Dec. 29, 1755; 38, Fanny born April 18, 1757; 39, Rawleigh, born Sept. 20, 1758; 40, Travers born January 20, 1760; 41, Priscilla born March 5, 1762.

26, TRAVERS[4] DOWNMAN (William,[3] William,[2] William[1]) lived in Northumberland, married I. Grace Ball, and had issue: 42, Ann born Sept. 21, 1748; 43, Grace Ball born Sept. 26 1756. He married II. Anne Conway, of Lancaster, in 1764.

NOTE—Papers belonging to the old clerk's office of the Chancery Court of Williamsburg in 1797 show that William Downman died in 1765, leaving a son Rawleigh, aged about 17, and a wife Ellen Ball, the widow of Richard Chichester. That Rawleigh his brother, who went to Europe returned, and was the father of Joseph Ball Downman and Rawleigh W. Downman. It is also shown that Chilcot Symes died in England and left a large estate to Richard Chichester, whom he appointed executor. After Richard Chichester's death, Richard and John Tucker, Esquires in London were administrators with Chilcot Symes' will annexed. Richard Chichester left issue Richard, John, Jean married John Payne, Elizabeth married William Glasscock, Ellen married Andrew Robertson, Hannah and Mary. Ellen Chichester, their mother, married 2dly. William Downman (11 William[4] Downman above) and had issue Raleigh b. 1748. The emigrant Richard Chichester, grandfather of Richard Chichester who married Ellen Ball is spoken of in the records as Esquire indicating that he was probably an alderman or the son of a Knight.

TRAVIS FAMILY.

Partial accounts of this family have been published in the Magazine from time to time, and the facts may be now collected here in a more connected statement: John Johnson, "yeoman and ancient planter," was living at Jamestown Island in 1624, with his wife Anne, son John, aged one year; daughter Anne aged 4 years; and maidservant. He patented 15 acres on the East side of the Island. 1, EDWARD[1] TRAVIS married Johnson's "only daughter and heir" before 1637, as proved by a patent for land at Chipoak's Creek, in James City County (now Surry County). Burgess for James City County in 1644, patented 326 acres at east end of Jamestown Island in 1653, which was confirmed to "his son and heir," 2, *Edward Travis* in 1663. (*Land Register* and Hotten's *Immigrants.*)

By other patents obtained from time to time the Travis interests was increased to about 838 acres in all, located at the East end of Jamestown Island. In the course of time the west end became the property of the Ambler family. It was not until 1831 that the Travises and Amblers parted with their interests on the Island.